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YOUTH.

A poem by Robert Bruce, a short unpublished poem, found in the pocket of the deceased, was given to the world by the Deathbed Society of London, who induced it as a memorial to the memory of a man.

Death is the end of a man's life. Then follows the coming day, his birth again. Which will never weary world, to give him rest.

When he is born again, it is to die. But when the world begins to end, the morning comes again, no more.

The world ends in the hands of the Devil, who has the keys of hell.

He holds them in his hand, And in those hands he holds the keys of death.

Then comes the judgment day.

Science comes to teach us the way of salvation. But with the teaching comes the curse.

The gods become the executioners of men. The way to heaven is marked down, And the way to hell is marked down, In the hands of the Devil.

—Robert Bruce.

Miscellaneous.

The Queen has granted a pension of \$500 a year to the widow and children of the late Mr. Radcliffe, the cloistered investor.

A cause once curied by Andrew Jackson is now exhibited in Boston. It was obtained this summer from an old negro who used to be Jackson's body servant.

In behalf of the Roman Catholic missions in China, it is said, that 10,000 native converts have been massacred within ten years. Five white missionaries have been lost.

Professor Bradley's health seems to be hopelessly broken. He will give up all his appointments and probably live hereafter in Italy. It is said that the British Government will grant him a pension of \$800 a year.

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The consumption of liquor in America is officially reported by the authorities as amounting to 62,000,000 gallons of spirits, 12,000,000 barrels of fermented liquor, and 20,000,000 gallons of wine. Estimating the population at about 55,000,000, the average consumption appears to be about 1.2 gallons of whiskey for each person, and 1.8 gallons of beer and 1.55 gallons of wine per head. The average consumption of beer consumed appears to be about 350,000,000 gallons. In other words, the people of America drink about two gallons of beer for every bushel of wheat that they consume—a striking test for our temperate friends.

C. C. Blake, who has been predicting the weather for several years with more or less success, has published a paper in Rockland, Kan., called "The Weatherman." Each month he will predict the weather for the next thirty days, but he says if the public will support his paper he will block out the weather for a year or two in advance. "Indeed," he adds, "if there should be sufficient demand I will undertake to call the weather for the North American Continent for the next ten or twenty years." I can call it twenty years in advance as easily as I can twenty years in the past, and I have repeatedly calculated backwards for much more than twenty years. In these long time calculations I do not attempt to give the weather forecast, and they are quite unpredictable for the distant future.

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